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Agreement Reached On Reducing Foul Odors At Bridgeton Landfill –

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There are new developments in the case of foul odors coming from a Bridgeton, Missouri, landfill and making life miserable for people living nearby.

Tuesday morning, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster announced an agreement with the owners of the landfill to help the residents and clean up the site.

Attorney General Koster describes the agreement with Republic Services, Inc. as the first step in addressing the immediate and long term issues raised by the conditions at the site.

The Bridgeton landfill is off St. Charles Rock Road, west of Interstate 270.

The foul odor is coming from an underground fire burning at the landfill which is not active.

Koster filed suit against Republic Services in March, alleging violations of Missouri's environmental laws.

Under the deal, Republic will remove six concrete pipes that are major contributing factors to the odor and replace them with a state-of-the-art modern cap. That should reduce the odor significantly and starve the fire of oxygen, which will help put it out.

During that removal, however, we're told the odor could get worse.

As a result, Republic is providing temporary lodging for residents within a mile of the site, starting the week of May 19, and continuing for a month.

Republic is also committing to preventing the fire from spreading into another nearby landfill with radioactive waste.

The company will also pay the state's costs for comprehensive air monitoring and sampling during the clean up.